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SUBJ: OAS REFORM

1. TO FOLLOW UP SECRETARY VANCE'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING REFORM OF THE OAS, AMB. MCGEE GAVE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT THIS MORNING'S PLENARY SESSION. WHILE THERE WAS NO COMMENT ON THE FLOOR, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN HAVING COPIES OF IT.

2. QUOTE. MR. CHAIRMAN:

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS ABOUT ONE OF THE SUBJECTS OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL. THE REPORT SUMMARIZES THE RESULTS OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL'S DELIBERATIONS TO DATE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

3. WHILE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN CONSIDERING THE VARIOUS DRAFTS PROPOSED, IT IS APPARENT THAT WE REMAIN FAR FROM REACHING A CONSENSUS ON MANY IMPORTANT UNCLASSIFIED

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ISSUES. WE BELIVE THAT, IF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO TAKE SERIOUSLY ITS COMMITMENT TO REFORM, WE MUST ALL MAKE A CONSCIOUS DECISION TO PRESS FORWARD WITH THE DISCUSSION OF REFORMS. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS NOW TIME TO REFER THE TIMPORTANT QUESTION OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM TO A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF REGIONAL EXPERTS.

4. SECRETARY VANCE, IN HIS STATEMENT DURING THE INFORMAL DIALOGUE, MADE A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS WHICH WOULD ENTAIL MAJOR CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MAKING A MORE DETAILED PRESENTATION OF ITS IDEAS FOR STRUCTURAL REFORM ALONG WITH ITS COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER. WE HOPE THAT THE OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO OUR PROPOSALS AND THAT THEY WILL COME FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THEIR OWN.

5. WE WILL ALSO ASK THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO NAME A PANEL OF PROMINENT CITIZENS OF THE AMERICAS TO REVIEW STRUCTURAL QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER AND THE DRAFT CONVENTIONS ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY.

6. THE PERMANENT COUNCIL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO CONVOKE A MEETING OF SPECIALLY DESIGNATED HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES, UNDER THE TERMS OF AG. RES. 225 OF THE SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, UNQUOTE.
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